Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

July 21, 2022

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Lee Holman, Susan Goulet, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, residents Ken Violette and Bonnie Bishop.

Present via Zoom: Selectman Cathy Lowe, Ordinance Committee member Lennie Eichman, Food Bank representative Polly Chasse, Lake Anasagunticook Association member Tim Kirwan, residents Natasha Cote, Ray Hunter, Brenda, Chad Casey, Richard Dyer, Cindy McNeil, and Marla Winship.

I Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

II Cathy motioned to approve the Board minutes of the July 7, 2022 Selectmen’s meeting. Susan second. All in favor=3.

III. Wages 2022-2023: Susan motioned to approve the updated wage sheet to include Constable wages of $3,900.00 annually which includes an amount for extra beach monitoring providing the Constable agrees to monitor the beach as recommended,. Lee second. All in favor=3.

IV. Lee motioned to approve Warrant 2 and Payroll Warrants of July 13, 2022 and July 20, 2022. Susan second. All in favor=3.

V Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: The Board is meeting tonight to appoint an assistant principal and other business.

2. Road Report. The Board reviewed the road report (attached). It was noted that the Perry Road condition has been greatly improved and a CMP pole needs to be replaced.

a. Road Contracts: Susan motioned to accept the road contract with David Bowen. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

b. Pratt Hill Project: Cathy spoke with John McLain and a one year extension has been added onto the Pratt Hill Road grant. Work may not begin until next summer.

3. CEO Report: None.

4. ACO Report: None.

5. Planning Board Report: None.

6. Ordinance Committee: It was reported that the committee met on July 19th but did not have a quorum and are waiting for a list of ordinances to work on. The Board of Pesticide Control has been contacted and the town would have to contract with DOT to allow the town to mow the state roadsides if a new ordinance is approved.

7. Fire Warden Report:  The new warden (Baxter Tardif) has taken the oath of office. He may not have the permit book to issue fire permits yet.

8. Treasurer Report

 1. Bank Reconciliations: The Board reviewed the June reconciliations.

2. Lianne reported that two prior owners of foreclosed properties have contact the town office and may be submitting requests to purchase the properties back from the town.

VI Calendar Reminders-RR Bed Workshop Saturday, July 23, 2022 9:30am

VII Unfinished Business:

1. Hartford Beach Policy 2022: Susan motioned to approve the 2022 Beach Policy to allow guests of residents and property owners to visit the Hartford Beach with or without the resident or property owner.

2. Hartford Beach Policy 2023: Discussion included: Adding a provision for business (as Airbnb’s or Farms) guest passes, residents should attend the beach with guests, guests who stay with residents but the resident works and the guest wants to visit beach alone, 17 cars with no beach passes one day last week, charge for guest passes and business passes, warning and then citation for no pass on vehicle, residents pay for swim lessons and beach passes but out of towners pay just for swim lessons and use beach for free, people who clean beach are swim lesson people, beach was littered the day after swim lessons ended and a Board member cleaned the trash, swim lesson participants: 6 from Buckfield, 9 from Canton, 17 from Sumner, 13 from Hartford. Total 45, create a beach clean-up day and get discounts on fees, current year the Board invited swim lesson participants to use the beach for the season as guests of the Board with the recommendation from the Recreation Committee so that the swimmers may practice their skills, why not allow other families to use beach?, and perhaps charge higher pass fees.

Tabled.

 3. Fee Schedule: Susan motioned to table this topic. Lee second. All in favor=3.

4. Ordinance List: Lee motioned to approve a list to include No Spray Ordinance and Messy Yard Ordinance to be prepared for the 2023 town meeting. Susan second. All in favor=3.

5. Constable Position: Cathy motioned to appoint Steven Elsman as Constable with a term to expire in June of 2023. Susan second. All in favor=3.

6. Maintenance Position: Cathy motioned to hire Steven Elsman as maintenance employee. Lee second. All in favor=3. A board member stated that the employment begins August 4, 2022 to give the Board time to prepare a list of duties to be completed. Lianne shared that the town office door needs to be replaced, basement organized etc. The Board agreed to allow him to begin work as soon as he is available.

VIII Open Session:

1. Food building near town office: Discussion: Door fell off, a food bank recipient placed food bank food in the building which is against the rules since it is a federally funded program and giving the food away would be a misappropriation of funds and is not acceptable. The food building was placed there at the beginning of the Covid pandemic and has perhaps outlived its usefulness. A food bank volunteer visited the building and saw that 99.9% of the food was from the food bank. Food given out is for that particular person only and she was told to gather all the food and remove it. Permission to install a game camera was requested. A Board member suggested placing a sign that states “Food Bank donations are not allowed”. Food sits in hot sun all day and draws in rodents and town is liable. It was suggested that fresh produce be donated directly to the food bank. It was stated that the decision to close the building is not up to the town. Raymond Hunter donated the building.

2. Susan was welcomed to the Board and Cathy was congratulated on becoming Chair of the Board.

It was reported that lake days will be held on August 13th 12-3 at the boat launch and the annual meeting will be held August 14th 10-12. Susan will share the info with CN Brown, who donated the hall in Canton. On July 31st there will be a celebration of the Clean Water Act and at 10am Jeff Sterns will lead a paddle around the lake to show recent achievements that have been accomplished. Non-motorized boats only. Thomas Hamilton will demonstrate how to take water samples.

IX New Business:

1. Cemetery Deeds-Sparrow Cemetery: Lee motioned to approve cemetery deeds, in the section of Sparrow Cemetery that was donated to the Town, to Jennifer Farrington (lot 4), and two to Judy Farrington (lots 7 and 3). Cathy second. All in favor=3.

 2. MMA Annual Election Ballot: The Board voted the ballot.

X Appointments/Resignation: Lee motioned to appoint Bonita Bishop as Ordinance Committee member with a term to expire in June of 2026. Susan second. All in favor=3.

 Susan shared that Lawrence Giroux was interested in serving as Planning Board member for one year and then would determine if he was able to serve the remainder of the term. There are currently two openings on the Board: an alternate for a term of one year or a term that expires in 2025.

Lee nominated Lawrence Giroux as Planning Board member with a term to expire in June of 2025. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

XI Training: None.

XII Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed correspondence.

Notes: Susan will work with Lianne to choose a compatible booster router for the town hall.

Susan will take minutes of the July 23, 2022 RR Bed Workshop since the office will be open during that meeting.

XIII Cathy adjourned the meeting at 9:18pm

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Susan Goulet Date

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Road Report

July 21, 2022

Roadside mowing of bushes has begun and work is being performed by Warren Hood.

We have the culverts for the Darrington Road project. Work will begin soon on the project and also the Pratt Hill Road project.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil

Road Commissioner